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NOTIFICATIONS BY GOVERNMENT

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**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT**

PUBLIC SERVICES – APWAS- Sri Ch.Saraswathi Kumar, the then PAO(WA), Vijayawada now PAO(Admn &IA)(Retired) - Irregularities in payments in award of price escalation to bitumen and POL in road & bridge works taken up by the TR&B Department, Panchayat Raj Department & AP Road Development in Krishna District. - Article of charges issued – WSDs submitted - Further action dropped - Orders- Issued

FINANCE (ADMN-II-DWA,PAO) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 160

Dated.30.06.2022

Read the following:-

1. From DG,GA(V&E) & E.O. Prl. Secy. to Govt. G.A.(V&E)Dept Vigilance Report No.98(C.No.141 /V&E/E1 /2014) dated. 12.10.2017.
2. G.O Ms No 83 Finance (Admn.II, DWA,PAO) Department dtd. 14.09.2020
3. G.O Rt No.2343 Finance (Admn.II, DWA,PAO) Department dtd. 14.09.2020
4. Explanation of Sri Ch.Saraswathi Kumar, the then PAO(WA), Vijayawada, now PAO(Admn &IA)(Retired dtd.28.10.2020.
5. DWA in e.file No FIN08-11021/211/2021-SEC I-DWA
6. G.O Rt No 1911 Finance (Admn.II, DWA,PAO) Department dtd. 07.09.2021
7. G.O.Rt no.1969, Finance(Admn-II, DWA, PAO) Department dtd.03-11-2021.
8. Lr No DoWa/OGL/Sn-I/Admn/2021-22/134 dtd 14.12.2021
9. Memo DWA/VJA/Sn-I/EC-2/2021-22131 dtd 17.12.2021.
- 10.Explanation of Sri Ch.Saraswathi Kumar, the then PAO(WA), Vijayawada, now PAO(Admn &IA)(Retired) dtd.22.12.2021.
- 11.DWA e.file No DOWA-12027/34/2017-SEC II-DWA(311671)

It was brought to the notice of the Government vide reference first read above that, certain irregularities were committed by the Sri Ch.Saraswathi Kumar, the then PAO(WA), Vijayawada now PAO(Admn &IA)(Retired) to identify the irregular payments made in the works in award of price escalation to bitumen and POL in road & bridge works taken up by the TR&B dept, Panchayat Raj Dept & AP Road Development Corporation in Krishna District.

2. In the reference third read above, article of charges were framed against Sri Ch.Saraswathi Kumar, the then PAO(WA) Vijayawada, now PAO(Admn &IA) (Retired). In reply, vide fourth read above, the Charged Officer has submitted his written statement of defence and after examination of the same, vide sixth & seventh read above, appointed Inquiry Authority and Presenting Officer to inquire into the charges framed against the Charged Officer.

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3. In the reference eighth read above, the Inquiry Officer has submitted enquiry report, stating that the charge against accused Officer i.e, Sri Ch.Saraswathi Kumar, the then PAO(WA), Vijayawada now PAO(Admn &IA)(Retired) is not proved.
4. In the reference ninth read above, a copy of the enquiry report was communicated to Sri Ch.Saraswathi Kumar, the then PAO(WA) Vijayawada, now PAO(Admn &IA) (Retired). In reply, the Charged Officer has submitted his explanation vide representation tenth read above
5. In the circumstances stated by the Director of Works Accounts and with reference to the material on record, Government, after careful examination of the findings of the Inquiry report and the explanation submitted thereon by Sri Ch.Saraswathi Kumar, the then PAO(WA) Vijayawada, now PAO(Admn &IA)(Retired) have decided to drop further action against him in this matter.
6. Accordingly, Government after careful examination of the material on record and explanation of the charged officer hereby drop further action against Sri Ch.Saraswathi Kumar, the then PAO(WA) Vijayawada, now PAO (Admn &IA) (Retired) in the charges framed against him in this matter.
7. The Director of Works Accounts A.P shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT(RM&FP)

To

The Sri Ch.Saraswathi Kumar, the then PAO(WA) Vijayawada, now PAO (Admn &IA) (Retired) through the Director of Works Accounts AP Ibrahimpatnam.

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The Director General, General Administration (V&E) Department,

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The Accountant General, A.P., Vijayawada
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//FORWARDED BY ORDER//

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